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Response Due Date

10/22/2015

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00498634

REFERENCE: JULY QUARTERLY REPORT (04/01/2015 - 06/30/2015)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 1 item(s):

- While it is permissible for a person to make a contribution for the general election prior to the primary election, the recipient committee must employ an acceptable accounting method to distinguish between primary and general election contributions. (11 CFR § 102.9(e)) This general election amount must be maintained in the committee's account.

Since the candidate is no longer seeking office for the 8th Congressional district in Illinois and will not participate in the general election, any contribution received for the general election must be returned to the donors, in accordance with 11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3). The use of general election contributions to pay primary debts and obligations is prohibited under the Act as such use could result in individuals making contributions with respect to the primary election in excess of the \$2,700 per election limit.

In addition, if the general election amount is transferred to a committee supporting the candidate for another office, these general election contributions should be disclosed as memo entries supporting the transfer. It should be clear for the public record that any remaining 2016 general contributions have been transferred. The attached contributions appear to be unremedied general election contributions.

Any subsequent report(s) filed with the Commission must disclose the refund

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of any general election contributions. Refunds must be done within 60 days after the candidate's announcement not to seek office/re-election.

If you have not already done so, please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any refund. Refunds are reported on Line 20(a), (b) or (c), as applicable, of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period in which they are made. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(4))

Although the Commission may take further legal action, your prompt action to refund these contributions will be taken into consideration.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1138.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolina Mongeon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carolina Mongeon
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

**Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions
Duckworth for Congress (C00498634)**

General Election Contributions

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Atkinson, Bonnie	1/20/15	\$2,600.00	G2016
Atkinson, John M	1/20/15	\$2,600.00	G2016
Bishop, Mary O	2/6/15	\$2,500.00	G2016
Bohne, Joseph William	2/17/15	\$2,300.00	G2016
Brooks, James	3/9/15	\$2,700.00	G2016
Off the Sidelines PAC	3/12/15	\$5,000.00	G2016
Ondra, Stephen	2/4/15	\$2,500.00	G2016
Ondra, Stephen	2/8/15	\$200.00	G2016
Sheet Metal Workers International Association Political Action League	3/11/15	\$5,000.00	G2016
United Food & Commercial Workers International Union	3/11/15	\$5,000.00	G2016